

FOUND IN RIVER

The Body of Mr. W. A. Vollers Recovered

MISSING FOUR MONTHS

Identified by Clothing and Letters in the Pockets

The Body Was Discovered By Fishermen on Friday Afternoon Several Miles Above the City—Funeral Held Yesterday Afternoon—Mr. Woolvin's Undertaking Establishment.

The body found in the Cape Fear river late Friday afternoon by a party of fishermen about three miles above the city, which it was stated in yesterday's paper was supposed to be that of Mr. W. A. Vollers, of whom no trace had been found since his mysterious disappearance from his home in this city on December 4th, last, exactly four months ago, was last positively identified as being that of the missing man. The body was brought to the city yesterday morning by the fishermen and taken to Woolvin's funeral parlors on Princess street where examination gave abundant evidence to make certain that the remains were those of Mr. Vollers. Although only the trunk of the body remained, the flesh of the upper parts of the body and the limbs being entirely gone, leaving only the skeleton, identification was made by the clothes and overcoat, shirt and cravat and by papers found in the pockets.

Mr. Vollers disappeared during a violent snow storm on the night of December 4th. He was last seen at the store of Mr. George Schnibben on North Fourth street and although diligent search was made and a reward was offered, no trace of the missing man was found until the body was discovered on Friday. It is now thought that Mr. Vollers probably wandered as far as Navassa and there probably fell into the river from the bridge, the body having been caught under a piece of timber or by the river's undergrowth and remaining there until released by the heavy freshet which prevailed on the river last week, it having then drifted up the river to the spot where found.

Mr. Vollers was aged 37 years and 10 months and most of his life had been spent in this city. He was employed in the grocery business of the late Mr. Luhr Vollers and later succeeded to that business, having about completed plans to retire when he met his sad death. The deceased leaves a wife and two small children, Master William and little Miss Dorothy Vollers. He is also survived by his aged father, Mr. Ludwig Vollers, at Point Caswell and by several brothers and sisters, these being Messrs. Oscar Vollers of Petersburg, and Scott and Lucian Vollers of Point Caswell; and Mrs. Zebbellin, of Canetuck.

To the bereaved members of the stricken family the tender sympathy of their friends and the community in general will be extended in this sad death.

At the funeral parlors of Mr. Woolvin sad and impressive services were held yesterday afternoon, there having been a large number of sympathizing friends and relatives in attendance. The officiating clergyman was Rev. W. A. Snyder of St. Paul's Lutheran church and after the service interment was made in Oakdale. The pallbearers were as follows:

Messrs. C. W. Polvogt, Will Rehder, G. H. Heyer, F. P. Lamb, G. H. Haar and J. W. Fleet.

FINE CONCERT

at Lumina today. Cars every half hour in the afternoon.

POPULAR PRICES ALL WEEK

Marie LaTour Stock Company—Tomorrow Night "The Fatal Scar."

This week popular prices will reign again at the Academy of Music and for all the week. The offering will be the Marie LaTour Stock Company, one of the best known and largest repertoire organizations on the road and, no doubt, each performance will be witnessed by a large audience. The opening tomorrow night will present that popular success, "The Fatal Scar," and the production will be made with special scenery and effects and a strong cast will be seen in the play. Between acts will be presented an abundance of specialties and all of an up-to-date, clever character. The company is especially strong with its vaudeville and, in fact, carries a complete vaudeville organization aside from its large corps of dramatic artists. The vaudeville will be found to be the equal of any offering ever made in Wilmington and will include not alone single acts, but doubles. Also the noted Desmond Trio, and at each performance there will be plenty of specialties. The repertoire of the company is entirely new to this city and consists of only the very latest successes, and each production will be made with special care as to detail and fine stage settings.

On the inaugural occasion tomorrow night the usual courtesy will be extended the ladies, which means that every lady accompanied by the holder of a paid 30 cents ticket will be admitted free, provided such tickets are secured by 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Seats went on sale at Plummer's yesterday.

Visit the Bijou today.

RESIGNATION AS CHAIRMAN

Tendered by Mr. Bellamy to Executive Committee

At Meeting Held Yesterday—County Primaries Will Be Held May 14th—Committee Will Meet Tomorrow to Appear Election Officials.

The County Democratic Executive Committee held a meeting yesterday afternoon at three o'clock in the office of the secretary, Mr. H. E. Bonitz, on Princess street, with every member in attendance, as follows:

W. J. Bellamy, Esq., chairman; of the Fourth Ward; H. E. Bonitz, secretary, Third Ward; F. T. Skipper, Capt. John Barry and Thos. Quinlivan, First Ward; T. W. Wood, Second Ward; E. B. Moore, Fifth Ward; and from the townships Messrs. W. A. Shearn and Garrett Walker.

Mr. Bellamy called the meeting to order and he immediately read his resignation as chairman, after which he requested Capt. Barry to act in his stead. No successor was elected in his place. Mr. Bellamy's letter of resignation was as follows:

Wilmington, N. C., April 4, 1908. To The Democratic Executive Committee of New Hanover County.

"Sirs:—I hereby tender my resignation as County Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee. You will please accept same promptly.

"I am deeply grateful to the entire membership of the Committee for the encouragement and assistance rendered me in the past, and would not now retire from the committee, would my health permit.

"In closing, I can but rejoice in the fact that all of the county officials elected during the existence of the present committee, are able, honorable democrats, who will merit, as they have achieved, the respect and confidence of the entire Democratic community. I trust, for the welfare of the party and the people generally, that they may be long continued in office.

Respectfully,
"William J. Bellamy,
Chairman, Democratic Executive Committee, New Hanover County."

Upon motion it was then decided to have the primary for the nomination of county candidates and delegates to the county convention on Thursday, May 14th.

The committee will hold another meeting tomorrow to appoint registrars, poll holders, judges and to select the polling places for the primary.

For Kirschbaum Hand Made Clothes go to Rehder's.

FOR LOWER PRICES OF MILK

(Communicated.)

Some time ago attention of the public was called in one of our daily papers to the very high price of milk in our community.

The article stated that the milk dealers claimed they had raised the price because the price of feed had advanced and it further stated that as feed had dropped five dollars a ton that there was no longer this excuse to offer.

The North Carolina Sorosis has been asked to use its influence in this matter, by persons interested in charitable work, who beg in the name of humanity that the existing conditions be inquired into, relative to inducing the milk dealers, if they can, to lower the price so that this much used article of diet can be brought within the reach of the poor, the babies, and invalids, who are in a great measure dependent upon it for sustenance.

At the present price it is not within the reach of those who from necessity should have it, and necessarily it causes great deprivation in many cases.

We believe that if the matter is brought to the attention of the milk dealers of the city, and it is shown to them in this light, also that the price seems unreasonably high as compared to other places, and as a great number in our midst in need of it, and entirely dependent upon it, they will be willing to lower the price, and put it within the reach of those who ought to have it.

We know it is a fact that when the price of milk was advanced in a certain large city of the north the municipal authorities would not allow it to be done permanently for the reason that a great number of helpless persons were dependent upon it and they could not buy it at the advanced prices.

In that city today milk is delivered at eight cents a quart. This is a question in which most of us are interested and especially those who know how the poor people are deprived of a necessity which has for some time been a luxury.

(Signed) N. C. SOROSIS.

TWO FIRES YESTERDAY

House on Queen Street Damaged to Extent of \$500—Fire in Vacant House.

The fire department was called out yesterday afternoon by an alarm from box 49 caused by fire in a two story frame dwelling, situated at No. 313 Queen street, owned by Mr. Joe Sneed and occupied by Mr. S. W. Cornish. The house was damaged to the extent of about \$500 and the furniture was damaged to a considerable extent by water. The house was insured but there was no insurance on the furniture. The fire was caused by a spark from the chimney.

While returning to the stations from the above fire, the firemen discovered a blaze in the rear part of an unoccupied house on Fourth and Castle streets. The flames were extinguished with loss of about \$15. The fire was started, it is said, by two small boys for whom a diligent search will be made.

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To Our Friends:

Having decided to discontinue The Messenger, this is to give notice that this will be the last issue.

There is a large amount due us by subscribers, and we trust if you are due us anything, that you will remit promptly, as it will enable us to meet pressing obligations.

THE MESSENGER'S FAREWELL.

In another column will be found an announcement by the proprietors of the suspension of The Messenger. We know this will come with surprise to our readers and patrons, and, we believe, with feelings of regret from many who have been readers and patrons of the paper in the seventeen years in which it has been under the management of its present proprietors.

In the last issue of The Messenger we wish to return heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed to it by their patronage and moral support. We close with no unfriendly feeling toward any one, but with good will toward all. If at any time, we have wounded the feelings of any one by word written in these columns or done injustice to any one such was unintentional. It has been our aim to treat all fairly—to be honest and square with every one in our columns. We have not suited all, we know. That would be impossible.

Our aim has been to help build up and add to the development and prosperity of our city and section, and, though aware that we have not come up to our high aims in this matter, we hope we may be pardoned for saying that we believe The Messenger has done some good by its advocacy of causes and measures for the upbuilding of our city and section.

Now, to its patrons and friends The Messenger bids a grateful farewell, wishing to each and every one ever increasing prosperity and greater enjoyment of the good things of this life.

TO OUR PATRONS AND THE PUBLIC.

The Jackson & Bell Co., has for some time, been compelled, by reason of the publication of the Wilmington Messenger, to take from the Job Printing, Ruling and Binding Department of its business, the time necessary for the proper prosecution of that work, and for that reason and in order to devote its entire time to Job Printing, Ruling and Binding work, it very reluctantly announces that the publication of "The Wilmington Messenger" will cease with this issue. It heartily thanks the public for their strong co-operation and support and asks for a liberal share of their patronage for the Job Printing and Book Binding and Ruling branch of its business, which will be continued, and to which this Company will give, in the future, its undivided time and attention.

HOW IT PROHIBITS.

Those engaged in discussing the question whether prohibition prohibits may be interested in the results of investigations made in Knoxville. A Chattanooga newspaper engaged in the investigation reports that "the authorities are vigilant but helpless, less public drinking, but more tipping in private. Prohibition advocates are pleased with the experiment despite its delinquencies. Business property affected adversely."

Col. John B. Brownlow is quoted as saying: "I am a believer in temperance and prohibition, but I tell you, sir the voting out of saloons in Knoxville has injured the real estate in the business section to a degree that is surprising." We are further informed: When Mr. Brownlow's opinion was cited to a rabid prohibitionist he replied that they had been too high; that the merchants could sell goods cheaper if they did not have to pay such high rents, and that the d—d landlords were not deserving of any sympathy anyway. The Nashville American quotes the following account written on the scene:

Among the prominent substantial men of Knoxville who have no delusion about prohibition is Mayor John M. Brooks. No man in this city is more highly respected than this gallant old confederate soldier. He is a churchman, a strong advocate of temperance and a gentleman of the old school. He was selected mayor of the city over the reform candidate a few weeks ago because the people had confidence in him and because he was a prohibitionist and would do all within his power to enforce the law.

When he was asked if he believed prohibition was prohibiting in Knoxville, he replied smilingly:

"Well, it is prohibiting as much as it did in Maine."

"And how does it prohibit there?" "I was on a train in Maine a few years ago," replied the mayor, "and a man came up to me and asked me if I wanted a drink. 'How can you get whiskey in Maine,' I asked him, 'where there is a prohibition law in effect?' Then he told me that anybody that wanted liquor in Maine could get it and without much trouble, either. That's about how it is in Knoxville."

The following news from our own capital city reaches us through the editorial columns of the Nashville American: Prohibition went into effect in Atlanta January 1, and the chief of police is still calling for more policemen. He says: "The situation is just this: When prohibition first went into effect, on the 1st day of January, the people didn't have much cash, and the bums were dead broke. The consequence was that there was very little drunkenness, and the police, apparently, didn't have very much to do. And, furthermore, those who had any intention of running blind tigers kept low, waiting to see how the land would lie. The reaction is already beginning to be felt, and my officers are reporting that more and more drunken men are seen on the streets. The police court docket will bear this out." Evidently prohibition is prohibiting in Knoxville and Atlanta just about as completely as in Maine and no more.—Macon Telegraph.

A CURIOUS LIFE.

It Makes Four Distinct Changes in Color Every Year.

In Monterey county, Cal., at Seaside, there is a lake which changes its color four times a year. Apparently there is no outlet for the lake, although it is never stagnant. It is full of water foul and fish, and when its color is normal it is sweet to the taste.

The color changes are very pronounced and are in four distinct shades—yellow, green, red and dark gray, that has the appearance of black at times. After each change the water regains its normal clear appearance. The color is in the water and is not the result of reflection from the sky. This has been proved beyond doubt by the fact that the color remains the same for days at a time regardless of the condition of the clouds.

The four colors mentioned are the one always seen, and they always occur in the order named; the disturbance, if such it may be called, covering a period of from six weeks to two months in July and August of each year. Old residents of Seaside assert that the phenomenon is a regular annual event and that it is always followed by the death of a large number of fish in the lake.

No explanation of the peculiar condition has ever been attempted by scientists, although several scientific men of note have studied the lake very carefully. The prevailing opinion among the inhabitants of the section surrounding the lake is that the lake is of volcanic origin and that the changes are due to subterranean disturbances which produce chemical changes in the water of the lake.

This idea is supposed to have grown out of the belief that the lake is bottomless. Years when the Southern Pacific railroad was being built across one end of the lake, the roadbed sank almost as fast as it was laid, and thousands of tons of gravel and stone were dumped into the lake before a stable foundation could be obtained. This led to the belief that the lake is bottomless. The lake is not more than three-quarters of a mile long by less than half a mile wide—Los Angeles Times.

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Brown—Take care of your pennies and let the get-rich-quick schemes take care of themselves.—Chicago news.

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So would I if it were yours.—Exchange.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little liver pills. Sold by R. R. Bellamy.

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- 267 cases Pink Salmon
- 67 cases Argo Salmon
- 367 cases Olympia 3-lb Tomatoes
- 116 cases Riverside 3-lb. Tomatoes
- 164 cases 2-lb. Tomatoes
- 119 cases 2-lb. Apples
- 160 cases 3-lb. Apples
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